

Youth Athletics Advisory Board
April 10, 2013

Board Members Present:

Glen Waldman, Jackie Kellogg, Victor Balestra and Florencia Manero joined the meeting in progress.

The meeting was called to order by Glen Waldman at 6:53 PM.

The Board discussed the draft coach's code of conduct. The board discussed drafting some more positive language to be included in this document and that it would apply to both paid and volunteer coaches. Glen offered to draft some additional language and bring it back to the Board for discussion. The Board conceptually approved the concept the coach's code of conduct.

Bill Stevens addressed the Board regarding the coach's code of conduct. The Board discussed the signature timeframe. The Board agreed that the program manager would be responsible for acquiring all signed coaches code of conducts from the coaches by the end of the first week of practices.

The Board opened the soccer open house and invited public comments. Mark Godward addressed the Board regarding the soccer program. He stated that other programs have worked better than others, and the current program is stable and working quite well. Mark stated that there is a struggle to assign resources to soccer with the different sports that compete for these resources. He felt that everyone worked hard to resolve these issues. Mark stressed the importance of the teen age programs, and felt they are an important component of the program. He felt that it should continue to be offered for this age group.

Jackie discussed how MAST academy will change some the dynamics of the program. Jackie discussed a pre-season program for the growing teen age population from mid-august to Columbus Day weekend. This program would continue with weekday practices during the high school season and then resume games after the high school season ends. Jackie stated that the program currently has over six hundred participants. She noted that our program is as large as or larger than the programs in neighboring communities that have a greater population, illustrating the importance of soccer to this community. Jackie felt it was important that one season flow into the next.

Glen stated that a pre-season soccer should be a request that should come to the Board in the proper request fashion.

Jackie stated that try-outs will happen early this year.

Glen requested a second meeting in May to discuss the athletic master schedule.

Glen invited public comments for a second time. Marcello Radice addressed the Board. Marcello discussed the importance of the teen co-ed recreational programs for those children not participating in their high school programs. Glen requested that the soccer club provide a proposal that would define what would be required for this program to take place, and then the field schedule can be developed to see if this is feasible.

Jackie discussed the registrar position. She stated that it has been a Village Employee in the past. Jackie asked if this role would remain with the Village. Staff responded that that would be determined by how the club appropriated their coaches. Staff described how multiple coaches assigned to intramural and travel programs create a time consuming issue. Jackie felt that the majority should remain with the Village, and staff agreed. Staff stated that assistance would be needed if the coaches were assigned to multiple leagues and teams as in the past. Marcello addressed that board confirming that the soccer club had addressed this by insuring that coaches doing travel soccer would not be coaching intramural; therefore, eliminating the difficulty.

Glen recognized that several individuals had entered the chamber and invited them to speak.

Camilo Montana addressed the Board regarding their coach. He felt the coach had not encouraged their children. They felt that the replacement coach did a very good job. Jackie stated that they really need people to respond to the survey so these issues can be addressed earlier and they are always open to public comments.

Glen closed the soccer open house.

The Board discussed the basketball program. Staff discussed the draft "Letter of Interest" (LOI). Staff requested that any suggestions be provided by Friday so it may be included the next week's Islander News. Staff stated that the responses would be due on May first and be available for the second meeting in May.

The Board discussed the soccer survey and that their needs to be a way to increase responses. Board members discussed that the lacking response. The Board discussed the merits of hand-out surveys. Jackie Kellogg made a motion that all future surveys be in English and Spanish in an attempt to increase response, the motion was seconded by Victor Balestra and passed unanimously.

Staff provided an update on MAST Academy, Crandon Park, and the lights on the Village Green North. Staff reported that the notice to proceed had been provided on the turf but not the remaining scope of the project. This will result in a delayed completion date from the original estimated date. Staff reported that the Village Council passed a Resolution requesting an amendment to the Crandon Park Master Plan extending the

lighted playing fields beyond the May 31, 2013 extension previously received. Staff discussed the processing moving forward. Staff reported that the permanent lights on the Village Green North passed, 4-2 vote with one member absent, to bring a contract before the Village Council for approval.

The light at Crandon being turned off before turtle season was discussed. The removing of the lights on the Village Green North was discussed. The 9:00 PM turn-off time for all lights was discussed.

Glen Waldman made a motion to recommend that the Village Manager initiate the process to extend the Key Biscayne Soccer Club for an additional year. Victor Balestra seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.